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OPNAVINST 5360.3D
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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5360.3D

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: ASSIGNMENT OF FUNERAL ESCORT COMMANDERS

Ref: (a) U. S. Navy Regulations, 1090, paragraph 4

1. Purpose. To update procedures for assignment of funeral escort commanders for funerals in the Washington, D. C. area, when full military honors are rendered. This is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5360.3C.

3. Background. Reference (a) requires the participation of a military escort, commanded by an officer of appropriate grade, when full honors are rendered in connection with military funerals.

a. For funerals held in Arlington National Cemetery for members in the grade of commander and below, the escort commander will be assigned by the Commandant, Naval District Washington. For funerals in Arlington National Cemetery for members in the grade of captain and flag, the escort commander will be a captain or flag officer who will be assigned by Washington area commanders when requested by the Chief of Naval Personnel.

b. Escort Commanders are responsible for the following:

(1) Attending the funeral in the full dress uniform of the season.

(2) Presenting the next of kin with the national ensign at the close of the committal service at the gravesite.

4. Responsibility. The Chief of Naval Personnel is assigned responsibility for the coordination of assignment of escort commanders as outlined in paragraph 5.



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5. Procedures

a. The following procedures will be followed in assigning funeral escort commanders for funerals of captains and flag officers in Arlington National Cemetery:

(1) The Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command will assign escort commanders for funerals of Civil Engineer Corps officers.

(2) The Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command will assign escort commanders for funerals of Supply Corps officers.

(3) The Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery will assign escort commanders for funerals of Medical, Dental, Medical Service and Nurse Corps officers.

(4) The Judge Advocate General will assign escort commanders for funerals of Judge Advocate General's Corps officers.

(5) Escort commanders for funerals of other officers will be assigned by the following commanders using the rotation schedule maintained by the Chief of Naval Personnel:

Chief of Naval Operations
Commander, Naval Air Systems Command
Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command
Chief of Naval Personnel

b. When a funeral escort commander is required, the Chief of Naval Personnel will contact the appropriate command or staff and will provide necessary details concerning the assignment.

6. Action. Addressees will:

a. Designate a point of contact with whom arrangements for funeral escort commander assignments may be made and submit the name and telephone numbers of the person so designated to the Chief of Naval Personnel, Assistant for Funeral Support, Pers-663D3 Commercial (703) 614-2095/6 or DSN 224-2095/6.

b. Assign, through the designated point of contact, funeral escort commanders as requested by Chief of Naval Personnel.


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